
Subject: Immunization Screening and Referral

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Policy: All infants and children served by WIC are screened for immunization status at each certification appointment by using a documented immunization history and if needed, referred for immunizations.

Reference: MPSF:WC-01-35-P

Procedure:

Acceptable records of a documented immunization history include but are not limited to a hand-held immunization record, an immunization registry, an automated data system, or a client chart.

When a certification appointment is scheduled for an infant or child, a caregiver is:

- Advised that documented immunization records are needed as part of the WIC certification and health screening process.
- Advised to bring the infant's/child's immunization record to the certification appointment.

During a certification for an infant or child, WIC staff will:

- Review the current immunization record. If the current immunization record is not available, ask the applicant to bring it to the next WIC appointment.
- Screen the immunization status by using one of the following methods.
 - Count the number of doses of DTaP (diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis) vaccine recorded in relation to their age, according to the following table.
 - By 3 months of age the infant should have had 1 or more doses.
 - By 5 months of age the infant should have had 2 or more doses.
 - By 7 months of age the infant should have had 3 or more doses.
 - By 19 months of age the child should have had 4 or more doses.
 - **OR** Compare the complete immunization record with the current Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) Recommended Childhood Immunization Schedule.
- If the immunizations are not up-to-date.
 - Provide information to caregiver on the recommended immunization schedule.
 - Refer to the infant's/child's medical home for completion.

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- If the WIC clinic is located at the infant's/child's medical home, it is strongly recommended that immunizations be provided by the appropriate staff while the infant is still in the clinic.

Document, as appropriate, on the referral tab in KWIC, if the immunizations are up-to-date mark immunizations as "enrolled."